



### **OPPOSE HB 1398 as Introduced – Being Heard in House ST&E Committee MONDAY (1/8) at 2 pm!**

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**Bill Link:** [House Bill 1398](#) **ACT BY 2:00 P.M. MONDAY JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>!**

**Call to Action:** [Register to OPPOSE House Bill 1398](#) **HOW-TO ON NEXT PAGE**

**House Hearing:** the Science, Technology, and Energy Committee will hear HB 1398 on Monday, January 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the Legislative Office Building, Room 302-304. [Watch remotely.](#)

- ⚡ **We are requesting CPCNH Member Representative and Alternates register to OPPOSE HB 1398!** (We aren't seeking broader outreach and action at this point.)
- ⚡ **This is a bill that the CPCNH Board approved a position to OPPOSE!**
- ⚡ Chair Below will provide testimony on behalf of the Coalition and may be available at [Clifton.Below@communitypowernh.gov](mailto:Clifton.Below@communitypowernh.gov) and (603) 448-5899 to answer questions. In addition, Deana Dennis, CPCNH Director of Regulatory & Legislative Affairs will also be at the hearing and can be reached at [Deana.Dennis@communitypowernh.gov](mailto:Deana.Dennis@communitypowernh.gov) and (603) 731-5984.

**Sponsors:** (Prime) [Representative Michael Vose](#) (R-Rockingham District 5), [Representative Douglas Thomas](#) (R-Rockingham District 16), [Senator Timothy Lang](#) (R-Sanbornton), and [Senator Bill Gannon](#) (R-Sandown)

**Key Points:** House Bill 1398 as introduced could:

- ⚡ Change 28-years of NH policy to make net metering purely a utility monopoly function and foreclose the ability of CPAs and Competitive Electric Power Suppliers (CEPS) to serve net metered customers.
- ⚡ Socialize and shift costs from utility default net metering programs onto the backs of CPA and CEPS customers.

**Policy Brief:** House Bill 1398 was introduced at the start of session in January 2024 and would require the socialization of all costs associated with net metering to all distribution customers through a non-by-passable Stranded Cost Recovery Charge without any accounting for benefits or attempt to pair costs and benefits. HB 1398 would heavily tilt the overall competitive playing field to favor utility default service and could destroy the competitive electricity market in New Hampshire.

HB 1398 would result in:

1. Expansion of the utility monopoly over net metering and foreclose the ability of CPAs and CEPS to compete to serve net metered customers.
2. Socializing and shifting costs from utility default customers to CEPS and CPA customers.
3. Undo everything that CPCNH has worked tirelessly to do over the past 2+ years to enable use to serve net metered customers and unlock innovation through CPA and competitive service.

# CALL TO ACTION

Make your voice heard: register to OPPOSE House Bill 1398 by clicking the link and following the steps below.

<https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/remotetestimony/>

**Take action by 2:00 p.m. Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>!**

## 1. Input your contact info:

### Step 1. Personal Information

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## 2. Select January 8, 2024, on the calendar:

### Step 2. Select Date of the Hearing

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## 3. Toggle the fields as-shown below:

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Choose the Bill \* 2:00 pm - HB1398

I am: \* A Member of the Public

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Indicate Your Position on this Bill \*

I Support this Bill  I Oppose this Bill  I'm neutral on this Bill

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## 4. Upload or write in your testimony:

### Step 4. Upload Remote Testimony (Optional)

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HB 1398 would undo 28 years of policy and make net metering purely a utility monopoly function and foreclose the ability of Community Power Aggregations (CPAs) and Competitive Electric Power Suppliers (CEPS) to compete to serve net metered customers. By shifting costs from utility default customers onto the backs of CPA and CEPS customers, HB 1398 would heavily tilt the overall competitive playing field to favor utility default service and could destroy the competitive electricity market in New Hampshire.



## 5. Click the "SUBMIT" button:

### Step 5. Final Review

**Attention:** Information and testimony submitted on this form is entered in to the public record for each piece of legislation and will be considered public records subject to disclosure under the Right To Know Law. Do not submit any personal information you do not wish to disclose publicly. The sign-in sheet will close for purposes of registering your opinion at 11:59 p.m. the day of the hearing.

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**Explain why you OPPOSE HB 1398 if you would like (OPTIONAL).**